AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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7.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a transaction, the method comprising the steps of:
        generating an electronic portrait that provides a physical identifier of a buyer;
        wherein the electronic portrait comprises at least one of:
        a mathematical imprint of the buyer,;
        a verbal description of the buyer,; and
        an electronic audio imprint of the buyer,;
        wherein the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer enabling enables generation of a physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller;
        storing the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer at a remote location accessible via the personal device;
        storing an identifier within the personal device enabling access to the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer at the remote location; and
        transmitting the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer to a seller via a wireless interface during a transaction.

8.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)   The method of Claim 7, wherein the wireless interface comprises a Bluetooth interface.

9.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a transaction, the method comprising the steps of:
        transmitting an identifier enabling access to a remote location from a personal device containing an electronic portrait that provides a physical identifier of the buyer;
        wherein the electronic portrait comprises at least one of:
                a mathematical imprint of the buyer,;
                a verbal description of the buyer,; and
                an electronic audio imprint of the buyer;
        receiving the electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer from the remote location;
        wherein the electronic portrait enabling enables generation of the physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller using equipment of the seller;
        generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;

displaying the physical identifier to the seller using equipment of the seller; and
completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

10.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)   The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of interconnecting with the personal device containing the electronic portrait via the bluetooth interface.

11.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of decrypting the electronic portrait.

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14.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 9 further comprising the steps of comparing the physical identifier to the buyer.

15.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 9, wherein the step of receiving further comprises receiving from the personal device which is located in a shielded area.

16.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a transaction, the method comprising the steps of:
        receiving an identifier enabling access to a location remote from the personal device
        containing an electronic portrait that provides the physical identifier of the buyer;
        wherein the electronic portrait comprises at least one of:
                a mathematical imprint of the buyer;
                a verbal description of the buyer; and
                an electronic audio imprint of the buyer;
        accessing the electronic portrait using the identifier;
        generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;
        displaying the physical identifier to the seller using equipment of the seller; and
        completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

17.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 9, wherein the short range wireless interface comprises a Bluetooth interface.

18.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for enabling identification of a buyer during a transaction, the method comprising the steps of:
        generating an electronic portrait that provides a physical identifier of a buyer;
        wherein the electronic portrait comprises at least one of:
                a mathematical imprint of the buyer;
                a verbal description of the buyer; and
                an electronic audio imprint of the buyer;
        wherein the electronic portrait ~~enabling~~ enables generation of the physical identifier for
comparison to the buyer by a seller;
        storing the electronic portrait at a remote location accessible via the personal device;

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storing an identifier within the personal device enabling access to the electronic portrait at the remote location;

establishing a wireless communications link between a personal device and the seller;

receiving the electronic portrait from a buyer via the wireless communications link;

generating the physical identifier from the received electronic portrait;

displaying the physical identifier to the seller on equipment of the seller; and

completing the transaction if the physical identifier corresponds to the buyer.

19.   (CANCEL)

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21.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 18 further comprising the step of decrypting the electronic portrait.

22.   (CANCEL)

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24.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 18, further comprising the step of comparing the physical identifier to the buyer.

25.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 18, further including the step of placing the electronic device in a shielded area associated with the seller prior to transmitting the electronic portrait.

26.   (CANCEL)

27.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 18, wherein the step of receiving further includes the steps of:

receiving an identifier enabling access to a location remote from the personal device containing the electronic portrait; and

accessing the electronic portrait using the identifier.

28.   (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 18, wherein the wireless interface comprises a Bluetooth interface.

29.   (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An electronic personal device enabling identification of a buyer during a transaction comprising:

a memory;

an identifier enabling access to an electronic portrait that provides a physical identifier of the buyer stored within a remote location;

wherein the electronic portrait comprises at least one of:

a mathematical imprint of the buyer;

a verbal description of the buyer; and

an electronic audio imprint of the buyer;

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wherein the electronic portrait ~~enabling~~ <u>enables</u> generation of the physical identifier for comparison to the buyer by a seller; and

transmission circuitry enabling a wireless communications link between the buyer and the seller for transmission of the identifier.

30.   (ORIGINAL) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, further including a public key associated with the electronic portrait.

31.   (ORIGINAL) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, wherein the electronic portrait is part of a certificate.

32.   (CANCEL)

33.   (ORIGINAL) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, wherein the personal device comprises a mobile telephone.

34.   (ORIGINAL) The electronic personnel device of Claim 29, wherein the wireless communication link comprises a Bluetooth interface.

35.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)   The method according to Claim 7, further including the step of including an encryption key with the electronic portrait.

36.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)   The method of Claim 7, further including the step of including a public key with the electronic portrait.

37.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)   The method of Claim 7, further including a private key associated with the electronic portrait.

38.   (ORIGINAL) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, further including a private key associated with the electronic portrait.

39.   (ORIGINAL) The electronic personal device of Claim 29, further including an encryption key associated with the electronic portrait.

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